
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6650](#)

BY Nardone, Chippendale, Place, Quattrocchi, Price

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL {LC3545/1} (Same as 21H-5795 --

Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7072](#)

BY J Lombardi, Cassar, Morales, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING --

PAYDAY LOANS {LC3749/1} (Caps the APR for payday loans at 28%. Requires 90-day maturity date. Prohibits fees/interest payments in excess of 60% of principal. Requires monthly payments of no more than 25% of original principal amount.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7073](#)

BY J Lombardi, Hull, Cassar, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - REVENUE ESTIMATING

CONFERENCES {LC3750/1} (Changes the dates of the Revenue Estimating Conferences meeting to the last ten (10) days of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7241](#)

BY Place, Roberts, Fenton-Fung, Nardone

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE

STATE-LINE ITEM VETO {LC4132/1} (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line-item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7287](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Fenton-Fung, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMPOSITION OF FIRE DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS {LC4302/1} (Allows individuals receiving state pensions to serve on fire and utility district boards. Provides for no reporting of compensation levels or hours worked to any state agency except for tax purposes.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7294](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Place, Price, Nardone, Filippi, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC4119/1} (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7331](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- CORPORATIONS - GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC3398/1} (Authorizes during declared emergency the issuance of emergency rules for corporate filings and minimum taxes.)

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/09/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7339](#)

BY Price, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC4474/1} (Provides PILOT to Exeter for state owned properties. Imposes no duty on Exeter to protect these properties. Requires payments to be used to create a police dept. or defray town expenses used to provide police protection.)

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7449](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD {LC4553/1} (Raises the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7483](#)

BY Price, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC4740/1}

(Secures general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes for state-owned properties within the town of Exeter.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7620](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY O'Brien, Noret, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Solomon, Casey, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE

LOTTERY {LC5233/1} (Increases the non-Keno lottery prize awards from a maximum of sixty-five percent (65%) to seventy-one percent (71%) of the total revenue accruing from the sale of lottery tickets.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7642](#)

BY Place, Filippi, Price, Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Newberry, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT

CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT {LC4977/1} (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7649](#)

BY Casey, Kazarian, Kennedy, Noret, Amore, Craven, Messier, Williams, O'Brien, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED

COMPENSATION PLANS {LC3865/1} (Allows participating municipalities to elect to its employees the deferred compensation plans offered by the state.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7663](#)

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY TOURISM

COUNCIL {LC5266/1} (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7790](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY - LOTTERY SALES AGENT RENEWAL PERIOD {LC5234/1} (Extends the renewal period for lottery sales agent's license from one year to two (2) years.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7796](#)

BY Casey, Hull, Baginski, Noret, Craven, Messier, Williams, Edwards, C Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC3864/1} (Extends IOD benefits to police officers/firefighters suffering from post-traumatic stress injuries/provides municipal police/firefighters retiring due to PTSI accidental disability retirement allowance.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7799](#)

BY Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC5369/1} (Prohibits contracts with private, for-profit prison facilities or with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the purposes of housing and detaining people.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7864](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE {LC5228/1} (Removes the collection unit sunset provision of June 30, 2023.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7922](#)

BY Tobon, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC5162/1} (Establishes the retailer competitive grants revolving fund to award grants, through a competitive process, to local on the ground businesses.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. 7989

BY Chippendale

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,300,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF FOSTER TO RESOLVE COVID-INFLATED COSTS INCURRED DURING CONSTRUCTION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY, BUILDING CODE AND ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES WITH THE TOWN'S POLICE STATION {LC5537/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,300,000 to the Town of Foster for relief in combating elevated COVID-related construction costs to the Town's Police Station.)

03/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 8049

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS {LC5603/1} (Increases the maximum post retirement employment earnings from eighteen thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars a year for certain retired educators.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 8114

BY Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Edwards, McGaw, Carson, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FUND {LC5718/1} (Requires the general assembly to provide grants and loans to improve, maintain and operate Burma Road in Middletown and Portsmouth which is owned by the United States government, along with an additional \$50,000 for an economic impact study.)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised live by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Send written testimony to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).

Any testimony received without a bill number may not be disseminated to members or posted to the website. Written testimony is posted to the General Assembly website as soon as possible. The posting of documents may be delayed due to high volume and will be delayed if submitted or hand-delivered at hearings.

IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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